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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

A copy of cited U.S. patent application (specification, claims, and the drawings) or a copy of the portion(s) of the application which caused it to be cited, including any claims directed to such portion(s) is attached hereto.
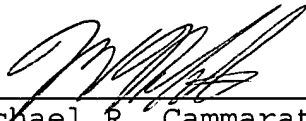
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Respectfully submitted,

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